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A Merry Christmas.

This Unletide issue of the Log, the reporters and editors again wish all Sprague employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for the eighth successive year... This year may you find new strength and happiness in the old hymns and carols; in the laughter of little children; in the gaiety of Christmas throngs; and in the common adoration and thanksgiving of a people weary of war and desirous of peace. This coming year let us resolve to promote peace and understanding... in the home, the neighborhood, the shop, the city, state and nation... and thus throughout the world, -- until truly there is

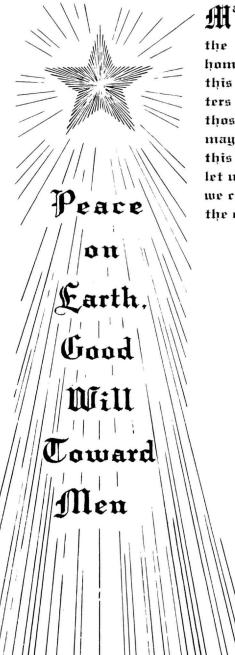
"Peace On Earth -- Good Will Toward Men"



It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King";
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav'n and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.



Armed Services here or abroad. May they and the other millions still in service be brought safely home to their families and friends. . . Let us pray at this Christmas Season for those whose sons and daughters laid down their lives for their country. . and for those who, maimed or broken in body, mind or spirit, may look in dark despair to the life left for them on this earth . . . In our joyous Christmas hours and days let us not forget that by their sacrifice and suffering we can this year once more celebrate these Colidays in the old manner.

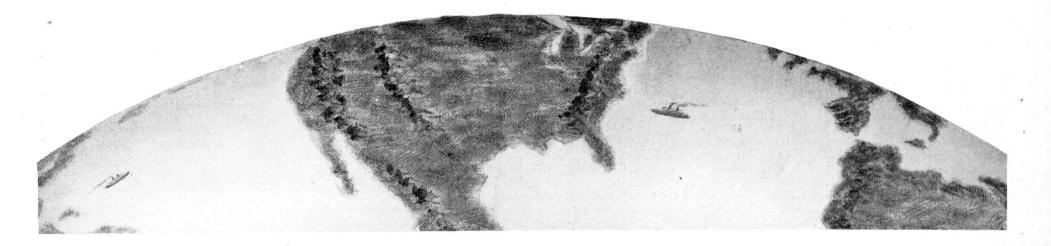


O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of
angels;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
C come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.





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RADAR DURING THE WAR



Working on information received by the radar's electric Official Navy Photo radar plot room.

articles concerning Radar. The first, ly, a millionth of a millionth of appearing in the last LOG, was entitled: millionth of the power transmitt Radar in 1911. A third, to come, will give some account of the future uses of manded the most advanced techniques

Radar was no secret to our enemies, and many of them had radar equipment ready before their entry into the The United States was cention, and on December 7, 1941 our Army had 580 sets on hand, and it was the SCR-270 which gave warning of the impending attack on Pearl Harbor.

The primary importance of radar in war is to give knowledge of the enemy's Radar does this by exploring activity. the region of battle with a directed beam of radio energy and detecting the echoes which arise when the beam encounters an enemy target. To be of value, targets must be detected at great distances to give adequate warning of the enemy's approach, and must transmit at the highest possible power and receive the echoes with the most sensitive possible receiver.

Radar transmitters customarily have peak power output in the tens or hundreds of kilowatts and the effectiveness of this power is increased several hundred times by directive antennas. However, the power received back from

(This is the second of a series of measured in micromicrowatts, or roughmillionth of the power transmitted. manded the most advanced techniques that our radio scientists and engineers And in 1937 apparcould develop. atus was set up for airplane-detection work, with marked success. At that time, it was possible to detect planes and track them at distances as far away as 11 miles.

> In 1938 work was begun on the SCR-270 (mentioned before) which was used for long distance warning against aircraft. To obtain long range. the highest possible transmitter power and a large antenna having high power gain, were required. Many improvements to this type were added, now, after five years of use, the SCR-270 is still standard equipment. One type is trailer mounted, and with its associated trucks, can be moved over roads and set up quickly wherever needed. Another type was developed for fixing locations in permanent fixing locations in permanent dings. The reliable range of these buildings. The reliable range of these SCR-270's is 120 miles on bomber aircraft targets and 75 miles on fighters. The distance to the aircraft is accurately indicated to two miles, and its

(Condensed from article by Roger

Season's Greetings - To Servicemen and Women 200

Meets Former Williams Chaplain Tokyo, Japan

Here is some good news! I'm on my ay home! I am in good health... way home! couldn't feel any better. Am writing this letter in the Toyko Red Cross which was formerly the Bankers Club. The best Red Cross building I have en so far. We left Cebu, P. I., September 23rd,

arrived at Hokkaido, Japan, October SENDS GREETINGS 4th. On the way over, we ran into two typhoons, the first was the worst. The food on the ship was very good.

I met Chaplain Grant A. Noble on the ship. We had a nice long talk. He was formerly the chaplain at Williams College. We had all kinds of recreation on the ship with Chaplain Noble in charge. All the men on the ship liked him. This was the only ship that we were ever on that had all this recreation. The only thing that we didn't like about this ship was that we had to be down to our quarters by

No Shooting, Now

We landed at the city of Hokodate, Japan. This was one landing that we all liked—for there wasn't any shoot-ing. This landing was made like a We spent our regular invasion force. first two nights at Hokodate College then moved to a girls college, which hasn't been in use since before the war. Boy, we sure had a lot of work to do for it was damaged. very, very cold place, no It was a stoves. All the women wear overalls or trousers to keep warm, and they carry their babies on their backs when they work. The women work just as hard as the men.

There are about 7,000 men here waiting for ships to bring them home. ing for ships to bring them nome.

am stationed in a big garage with 222
other men, and boy it is cold! Half
there are

The ruthless conqueror:
Freedom and justice are complete
And now, "Excelsior." no stoves. We just about ...
at night. The boys build a huge fire outside and they group around it until one and two in the morning to keep warm. It was a lot warmer sleeping in a fox hole.

Saw Emperor's Famous Horse

I have been to Tokyo three times. Boy, from Honshy to Tokyo it is wreck, everything is leveled to the ground. Tokyo sure is a mess

Armistice Day I went to Tokyo Meiji Shrine Stadium and saw the Rodeo. It was all G.I. and very good. I saw Lt. "Dick" Ryan, the first American to ride Emperior Hirohito's famous white horse, Halsushimo (First Frost). There were about 50,000 soldiers, some nurses and Japanese women there.

Vice Presidents Appointed

Dr. Preston Robinson, Director of Research, and Mr. Julian Sprague, head of the Application Engineering Department, were named Vice-Presidents of the Sprague Electric Company.

Dr. Robinson has been with the Company since 1929, and has directed and coordinated the work of the Company's research and engineering staff, has made extensive studies in equilibria at high temperatures, the metallurgy of tin, thermodynamics and dielectrics

Mr. Julian Sprague, brother of R. C. Sprague, president of the company, has been actively connected with the firm since 1926, when he was one of the original group of four em-

During the war he was appointed a consultant on capacitors by the War direction of travel to about 4 degrees. Production Board. He has represented the Company in industry-wide the target at the maximum range at Colton, appearing in "Proceedings of which the target is detectable is the LR.E.")

While I was at Tokyo I saw the Season's Greetings To All Emperor's palace and General Mac-Arthur and where he stayed. The Japanese people were good to us.

Well. Miss Owen it is time to eat so I will sign off now. Here's hoping I will be home for Xmas. So until I see you and the rest of my friends at the plant, good luck and God bless all. Peter Maruco



Pvt. Norbert Tanguay at Ft. Sill, Okla., sends greetings and says, "This is what we looked like after couple of months of service." Norbert was formerly in the Carpenter Shop, Maintenance Dept.

Leace on Earth

The last bugle note has sounded Over all the world. Again where Freedom once abounded 4re Freemen's flags unfurled.

Gone is the sound of marching feet.

up your eyes, your mind, your heart, It is the Christmastide: Give thanks that having done our part, $The \ battle \ justified.$

Reneath tomorrow's brilliant sun All men everywhere May live in unison, as one, And God's blessings share.

Merry Christmas" this year is true As never heretofore, Lift up your heart, it is your due, For there is war no more.

Season's Greetings from Berlin

Michael Sarkis, formerly of the Paper Assembly Department sends Christmas greetings to all his Brown Street friends, from Berlin, Germany.

Fort Sill, Okla November 24, 1945

Just a line to let you know I re-ceived two editions of the Log which I look forward to eagerly. imagine how happy it makes a fellow, to read and see pictures about the swellest plant I ever worked in and to read about the buddies I worked with.

Here is a photo of me and I wish you would please give it to my former boss, Clarence Chilson, so be can show it to best gang of men I ever worked with. Thank you ever so much.

Thanks very much for the Log. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sincerely yours Pvt. Norbert T. Tanguay

Send Trophies Ray Mahar, formerly of Production Scheduling Department, and Casimer Gliwski, formerly of Paper Assembly, have sent some interesting trophies of war to Walter Rohane. Ray who is stationed in Tokyo, sent two Jap rifles and aviator goggles. Ray wishes to be remembered to all in his old department, and states that his hopes of getting home for Christmas are becoming increasingly slim, Casimer, who sent fighting equipment from Germany, has arrived in this country almost as soon as his trophics. It is interesting to note the superiority of German-made equipment over that of the Japs.

Eager To See Friends

Camp Croft, So. Carolina November 28, 1945 Dear Sir

This letter is to inform you that my military address has been changed to the one which appears above. now working in a Headquarters Company, which takes care of all the military affairs of this Camp. I am a clerk typist and I like my job very well. It sure is funny to go from an Infantryman to an office worker and still be in the Infantry! There is a great shortage of clerks these days, and I was ortunate that I was chosen to be one. I attended Clerk School in this Camp and I passed all my subjects with flying colors. It is for that reason that I was given this job in Headquarters.

I expect to be home on or about the 20th of January and I will be looking forward to greeting some of my old Sprague co-workers. May they kee up the good work — the war is over-May they keep

but we can't stop now.

Thanking you very much for your interest, and for sending me the Log so regularly, I remain, a former Sprague employee,

Joseph Cresimbeni



Engaged on an important detail of radar work

Official Navy Photo

SPRAGUE HUNTERS FAVORED BY "LADY LUCK"

Tales from New England right down his path. Off went Jim's Woods

by M. Mathews

"I say Oldham, that's your phone ringing", "What was the order number you were looking for, Jimmie?"
"Say, what in Sam Hill is the matter with you, Oldham?" the final question came from Fred Seddon.

"Oh, I guess my thoughts are with the fellows out in the woods today, sorry old man if I seem to be ignoring you," replied Jim.

You see, Jimmie was to have been one of a party of fellows who were spending a couple of days in the woods in Sandisfield, Mass. Unfortunately, he had to cancel his reservations at the last moment. Much to the annoyance of his fellow workers in the Purchasing Department he was with them in body only. Jim offered apologies to anyone he seemed to have ignored but his mind refused to leave the boys out Visions of them tramping through the woods, thrilling to the sight of an early kill; the fellows grouped around estimating the weight; the hard but happy dragging of the deer back to the road; ye Gods! how can a fellow keep his mind in the office with visions like these dancing through his mind. Jim had one bit of consolation to keep him from going loco he was to have his chance Saturday

Well, Jim says he hit the woods at Sandisfield full of pep and ready to go. The fellows had had no luck and he felt someone was going to be lucky that day. He had been in the woods about eight hours when Dame Fortune sent

red hat, slightly bending his knees he got a perfect bead on Mr. "Buck". Bang - what a shot! Right on the Jim says he fired another shot, but it went wild, as only one was found on the deer. The answer to a hunter's prayer, an eight point buck weighing about 200 pounds. It was a pleasure to drag this animal through the woods, though the heavy snow it a difficult task. Each time the fellows stopped to rest Jim had the opportunity to rub his hand caressingly over his prize and enjoy an inward

The fellow hunters with Jim who were not favored by "Lady Luck," were: Frank Chilson, Incoming Inspection; Harold May, Drafting Department and his nephew Ward May; Carleton Perry, Frank Connors and Miles Robinson of the Maintenance

HUNTER AND HIS PRIZE



Jimmy Oldham of Purchasing him a beautiful specimen of deer meat Department with his 200 lb, buck.

A Hunting They Did Go

Walking arm and arm with "Lady Luck" these fellows brought home the spoils of the hunt: Ray Bishop, Specification Department, spike horn buck 150 lbs., Paul Teeple, Drafting Department, 4 point buck 130 lbs., Daniel Shea, Laboratory, doe 110 lbs. Jim Oldham, Purchasing Department, 8 point buck 200 lbs., Gilbert Harris, vens, buck 175 lbs.

Congratulations to the proud huntrs, too bad this meat didn't come your way when a piece of meat meant so many red points.

An electronic device that generates heat rapidly and uniformly in every molecule of rubber has been developed to vulcanize tires and other rubber products.

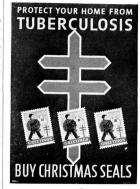
Plans are under way for the pro duction of electronic toys.

"CURRENT" EVENTS By Ray Cathode

Z-z -z -z -z--z Heck! there goes that auxiliary buzzer on my alarmclock-radio!! So back to my electronically operated typewriter and rip off another "Current"-events-to-be:

Merry Xmas, and did you know the snow on Xmas trees is the same stuff the old Romans tossed onto Chariot race tracks to make 'em shine? Mebbe one for the money and two Anyway, 'tis and 'twas MICA (powdered). Nine different kinds of Sheet Mica are today used in one kind of electrical equipment alone. used in certain Sprague Capacitors (advt.) During the war someone called mica the heart of the war effort Without it no fuses, spark plugs, radar, radio tubes, generators, welding rods, transformers, tanks, motors, etc. And in the home the list is endless.

Z-x-x-x-x--x Heck! there goes that buzzard again! Where was I? Oh, yes! Happy New Year! everything clix in forty-six! Норе



This year your purchase of Christmas Seals is needed more than ever before — to guard against a postwar TB rise.

SPORTS by Carpenter, Bullett and Russell

Semi-Pro Champions Honored

-Bernie Bullett Congratulations

The Sports Staff of the Log wish to team's Oscar Gilman, Manager Puppulo and accomplishments: winning of the nine the Crusader team on their splendid out of ten ball games against the best record. And to the fans, who supcompetition that could be obtained in ported the team, I am sure the Cru Western Massachusetts and Eastern saders are grateful for the fine attend-New York; staging of the first night ance, despite the adverse weather con-

climaxed a most successful season of becember 6th. The climaxed a most successful season with event was largely attended by members of the team, officials, members of the press and invited guests John DelNegro, Coach of the Drury

football and baseball teams, presided as Toast Master. He kept the program moving rapidly and had the goodsized crowd in a laughing mood with his keen interpretations of funny foothall anecdote

The first speaker called upon was Father Mongiello, pastor of Saint Anthony Church, who thanked the people for their support and outlined the infant steps of organizing the team, explaining how it had risen from infancy to become the "Champions of Western Massachusetts." complimented Stuart Schouler, sports editor of the North Adams Transcript, for the favorable publicity he gave the team. Eddie Farinon, Crusader Captain, thanked the team for their co-operation during the season and said that he was happy to have been chosen their leader.

Father Russo, Director of athletics at Saint Anthony's, was the next speak-He impressed the audience the many difficulties that hindered the organizing of a football team. He stated that, "these difficulties were met by the boys and overcome only by

eir willingness and fine spirit." Manager Puppolo, a Sprague employee, was the next speaker, and debt of gratitude to the Saint Anthony thanked all members of the organization from the Coach down to the Water exhibited by the team this past seasor

The Saint Anthony Football Team Boy, for the fine cooperation given the team during the past season. He also congratulate Father Russo, mentioned several of the

game in the history of North Adams; ditions at times. But it was all footand last but not least, winning the Western Massachusetts semi-pro foot-

afforded many pleasurable Sunday afternoons with their excellent games

Mr. Hawthorne also stat-

hall championship. The guest speaker was Danny Hawthorne, City Auditor and Coach of the St. Joe's basketball team. Hawthorne impressed upon the team that they were champions on the field and in the eyes of all sports loving youngsters and should carry themselves thus—even after their victories on the gridiron have been forgotten. He R.G. spoke at length on how the team had taken North Adams by storm and

ed that there is need for a new system to be adopted in the Grammar School that would do away with the touch football contests and in its place, nsert a modification of tackle football. "There was nothing wrong with the way the Grammar School athletics are run," he stated. "As a matter of fact, I think that Grammar grades are very capably run, but there is a need for a new program that will include

of football.

tackle football." North Adams football fans owe a Parish for the fine program of football

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Vaughn Mancha Alabama John Green Army Thomas Dean So. Methodist R.T.

R.E. Richard Duden Navy Back Felix Blanchard Army Glen Davis Back Harry Gilmore Alabama Robert Fenimore

Oklahoma A. & M.

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E.	Walker		Yale		
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Koslowski, Holy Cross; Wedemyer, St. Mary's and Cline, Ohio State.

Carpenter - Russell - Bullett

Can You Top These . . .

December 8th was a bright clear day, perfect for the hunters who were entertaining dreams of getting that the deer through. With a smug look, long-awaited-for deer. Bob Garner, of the Drafting Department was one of them, and the tale of his day in the woods, though ironic, was highly

With apologies to Bob I shall attempt to write for your pleasure what he told me: After tramping through the woods for four hours and beginning to get a bit skeptical of "Lady Luck" he spied a beautiful buck coming over a hill and headed in his direction. got a bead on it and when it was about thirty yards off, he fired. A good shot but he decided a second shot was needed as it looked pretty steady.

Here's the Best Part

He fired a third, and on unsteady legs the buck made its way through an opening in a stone wall, too weak With spirits riding high, Bob started for the wall. Bang - -bang - -bang, three shots from where? On the run Bob made the wall and through the opening in record time. Talk about your luck! There was a young lad, knife in hand and the deer's throat cut. A seven-point buck weigh-175 pounds! What's a fellow to do at a time like this Now comes the best part of the tale The fellow didn't know how to paunch the animal, so, Bob offered his services. But friends, there was a reason for this think. Before starting the job, he asked how many shots the hunter had fired and the type shot. With this information he proceeded. Well, found the wounds the hunter had inflicted, also the damage his own shots had done. Though confident that his shot was the fatal one he was just out of luck.

To sort of appease his feelings Bob the road. On the way to the road doni and Joe Giradi.

they came to a stone wall and the lad our Bob reached down and with a lust heave tossed the deer over the wall As he helped tie the kill to the car of the lucky guy, Bob felt a bit piqued for the fellow didn't even ask him if he would like the flag! Such is the life of a hunter.

Where Were Those Shells?

Continuing, Bob told of the experince of Jim Dami of the Maintenance Department: It seems that Iim had been going his merry way through the woods and all of a sudden, spied the horns of a buck showing over the topof a fallen tree trunk. As though hypnotized, he watched the buck's big red tongue going back and forth like a cat's in the process of washing

Well. Iim lifted his gun to his shoulder and tried to draw a bead on the deer, but his darn legs just seemed to shake as though with ague. the confusion of trying to quiet his legs, keep his eye trained on the deer, and hold his gun steady, curses! the shots went wild. With frenzied haste Jim reached for more shells, buck was coming right in his direction, going to pass him. Where, oh where, were those shells each pocket was empty. Alas, too late, Jim! With his white flag waving, "Mr. Buck" his white flag waving, "Mr. Buck" bade a fond adieu. Poor Jim-he just couldn't figure it out. Ho did everything he was told to do and why find the shots with didn't pockets loaded with them is still a

Other fellows accompanying the above unlucky hunters were: Estes of the Maintenance at Brown Street and his son "Flash", Joe took the heart and liver. Dejectedly, he helped the lad drag the animal to Bulletti, Rinaldo Farinon, Julio Bron-

SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



The Champion Crusaders, taken after their decisive victory over the St. Stanislaus team.

MAJOR THANKS SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES



Lovell General Hospital Fort Devens, Massachusetts

Miss Etta Owen Sprague Electric Co. Dear Miss Owen:

We were most pleasantly surprised today upon the receipt of some very beautiful knitted extremity coverings and hasten to send thanks in behalf of the many patients who we are sure will be deeply grateful to the employees for this kindness.

Hoping that the Christmas Season will be as happy for them as it will be for our patients as a result of their many gifts. I am

Sincerely yours, Sidney Licht, Major, M.C.

Welcome to:

Robert M. Blakeney, who was in the Naval Air Training Corps in the summer of 1943, and held a commission in the Marines as a lieutenant in 1944, was discharged this November. He comes to the Laboratory as an assistant to Mr. Allison on high frequency measurements.

Mr. Blakeney is married, and lives in Williamstown with his wife and young daughter. He is a Williams College man. It is interesting to note that his father, Rev. R. B. Blakeney, former pastor of the Williamstown Congregational Church has just received his discharge this November at about the same time that his son did. Rev. Blakeney was a chaplain in the Service.

Everett Barton, discharged from the Navy in November, has joined Earl Burke's staff as draftsman. He graduated from Massachusetts State College in '42, majoring in Engineering. He received his commission as a lieutenant in Naval Aviation and saw action in England and Iceland.

Mr. Barton, after his discharge, decided to make North Adams his home, and has brought his wife and 16 months old son to live here, in the Berkshire Hills.

Marriage

FORTINI - HILDRENBRANDT Miss Georgianna M. Hildrenbrandt of Rome, N. Y. and John E. Fortini were married Saturday, November 10, 1945 at Rome, N. Y. John was employed in the Dry Test Department before entering the service. He and his bride are to reside in North Adams, Mass.

25 Years Wedded

Ida Miller and her husband Thomas quietly observed their 25th wedding anniversary, November 25, 1945. Their Office Chatter many friends remembered them with cards, flowers and gifts in honor of the day. Ida is employed in the Western Electric Department.

BIRTHS

DAUGHTER—A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powers, Saturday, December 1, 1945. Dad is the Division Superintendent of the Resistor Department.

DAUGHTER—A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wimpenny, Thursday, November 29, 1945. Dad is employed in the Industrial Oils De-

to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Stanton, of Cost). Tuesday, December 11, 1945. Dad is

EMPLOYEES GIFT REACHES LOVELL HOSPITAL

ed to the many girls who so generously employees.

The Committee of the Lovel Gen- gave of their spare time to knitting that the combination radio and record for the patients at Lovell. To date player has been received and sent to the committee has sent to the hospital the Sprague Electric Room at the 25 crutch protectors and 18 amputee hospital. The committee are sure socks from the employees of the this machine will play a major part in Sprague Electric Company. That the helping to make the holiday season a boys and the heroic work they did in merry one for the patients able to visit World War II is not forgotten is exemplified in the splendid co-operation At this time sincere thanks is extend- the committee has received from the

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS . . .



Cynthia Jane Crosier falls asleep while waiting for Santa, and her daddy, Fred, of Engineering Specs, takes the opportunity to make this lovely picture.

ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO - -

Almost two thousand years ago, the Prince of Peace was born. And now, two thousand years afterwards, the principle of PEACE ON EARTH -- GOOD WILL TO MEN still seems to be unattainable, yet remains our best solution if we wish to live in the complex world we have created, with its threat of world destruction by forces such as

Now, after the close of a second world war, civil strife wracks the nations of this globe. This is the second time we have waged a war to end all wars. Today, the teachings of the Prince of Peace on brotherly love, charity, and faith are obscured by senseless slaughter and greed. And yet -- we believe in those principles, loudly denouncing the idiocy

TASK RESTS WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL

It is inconceivable that peoples of the earth will choose atomic annihilation rather than join in a pact for permanent peace. Such a task rests with each of us -- not alone with nations and their leaders. Let us broaden our horizons to include all nations, and let us strive daily for a better understanding and GOOD WILL in our contacts with our fellowmen.

By Priscilla Windover

The Payroll Department said goodbye to a real friend recently. Mrs. discharged in January.

The office girls presented her with a

"Roses are red, violets are blue, And so are we!!"

Second Honeymooners: Mr. and Mrs. William Senecal (Marion of Payroll), DAUGHTER: A baby girl was born Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wandrei (Wanda

Overheard in the Payroll Department employed in the Industrial Oils De- Betty Alderman: "I heard that mistle- say in circles, 'cause that is the way than that of the ring and so he got foreman of the Plating Departtoe was going to be scarce this year so she skiis."

this summer, I hunted and found some, but it didn't keep. ...Ruth Brown in her naive manner; "Too bad, I kept mine in the re-Raymond Crosier ("Fran", to us) has frigerator."......Have you seen the new left the Sprague Electric Company fellow in the Factory Engineering Deafter 15 years of service. Her husband, partment? Yea, but don't get any Chief Engineer Raymond J. Crosier is ideas, girls. He is married and a home on terminal leave and is to be daddy......I see Marion Pinsonnault has assumed her new duties as stenographer in the Production Planning wristwatch and I'm sure they meant it Department.....Did you know "Lil" when they wrote on her farewell card, Clermont the switchboard operator is Story Appears in Many Papers home from the hospital? Well, guess I better get going.

First Skier: "What was that, a comet?'

Mystery of Lost Ring Makes Front Page Headlines

By Hazel Goodale

The Latest G. I. newstory hinges around the efforts of Rita Bishop eral Hospital Fund are happy to report crutch protectors and amputee socks of Engineering Specifications, and starts a high school ring found on the Beach of Leyte on its Final Journey Home.

> While running between bases of a recreation center baseball diamond on the beach of Leyte, Philippine Islands, Eugene A. LaPine, Seaman first class, kicked something bright out of the sands. Stooping to pick it up, he found it to be a high school ring. He put it in his duffle bag with his personal belongings, and almost forgot about it.

But the day came when he was given leave to come home, and ring and duffle bag made the journey back to North Adams. Upon showing the ring to his family, his sister Rita remarked there must be a story in connection with it, which could be learned if a search were made for the owner. Perhaps some boy's mother or sweetheart would cherish the ring as a memento.

Decipher Letters

Rita examined the ring carefullyit was badly worn-and with the help of a microscope and suggestions of friends, could make out the letters KENS-TON. Knowing that there was a town of Kensington in Connecticut, she addressed a letter to the school there, describing the ring. The Superintendent of the school at Kensington answered, saying the ring was not theirs. However, he too had become interested in the ring and suggested a school at Kensington, Penna. High School Principal Aids

Following this lead, she wrote to the Pennsylvania school and received the following reply:

November 21, 1945 Dear Mrs. Bishop:

Your letter of November 19 arrived today. This is certainly a very interesting letter and I want to commend you for the interest you have taken in trying to locate the owner of this ring. We have checked our records and believe we have located the owner of this ring. She is a girl by the name of Betty Ruth Callendar who graduated from this high school in the Class of 1944. She is now enrolled in college at the University of Pittsburgh and we are very sure it is her ring as her sister, who is now a student in this school, informed me that she had given the ring to a boy by the name of James Yates who was in Service in the Pacific area. Perhaps your brother may have met him at some time over there but would not have known, of course, that the ring was his-or lost by him. At any rate, if you will forward the ring to me I shall be glad to return it to Betty Callendar for there is no doubt that it belongs to her. I shall also recommend that she pay you whatever postage cost you may incur in mailing.

Your letter is one of the most interesting letters to come to my attention. We have had many very interesting letters regarding the boys from this high school who are in Service.

Again, I want to thank you and commend you for your effort in locating the owner of this ring. Believe me, I appreciate your kindness and thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours, H. B. Weaver High School Principal

Rita forwarded the ring, and Betty Callendar of Kensington, Penna. was overjoyed at finding it in her possession. But she was mostly overjoyed, be-Second Skier: "No, that was cause Yoeman James Yates came Iosephine "Flash" Lamberti. Well back from the Pacific area, safe and Judy Darling direct the procedure. known skier, famous in ski circles. I well. His trip home was more direct there first! The story of the return ment.

of the lost ring has spread like wild fire. It has appeared in the New Britain Herald and recently Rita received a copy of the story which appeared in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette on December 3rd. A second copy of the same story was clipped by a North Adams boy now in Steubenville, Ohio and he has sent it home to his mother, Mrs. Grace Banks, who in turn forwarded it to Rita.

We congratulate you, Rita, on the success which your effort has brought and hope the ring will continue to bring good luck to Betty and Jimmy.

Engagements

The engagement of Miss Shirley Gorman of the Block Annex Department has been announced to Russell Durant. The wedding will take place in January.

Marriage intentions have been announced of Miss Marguerite Miller of the Dry Test Department and Bernard LaCasse. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Miss Caroline Champney to Gunner's Mate 3-c James G. Moon USNR has been announced. The wedding is to take place soon. Caroline is employed in the Boxing Department.

Wedding bells will ring for Miss Florence Morin and Paul Lefebvre on February 9. Florence is employed in the P.A.A. Department at Brown Street.

Miss Mildred M. Embry's engagement to Raymond S. Broullett has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding. Mildred is employed in the Bathtub Assembly Department.



Edward and Frederick Nazzewski think up some new brand of mischief, but promise to be good just around Christmas. "Eddie", 2 years, and "Freddie", 3 years, are sons of "Mat" of Marshall Street Laboratory.



Sandra Ellen Nazzewski lights the candles for her second birthday cake, while Eddie Nazzewski and Sandra is the daughter of "Zig"